

Application No. 3771.01US02

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14, 15-19, 21, and 23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 10-12, 14, 17-19, and 21 are canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 10-12, 14, 17-19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmerling (U.S. Patent No. 4,317,439) in view of Tholen (U.S. Patent No. 4,660,532). Claims 10-12, 14, 17-19, and 21 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Allowed Claims

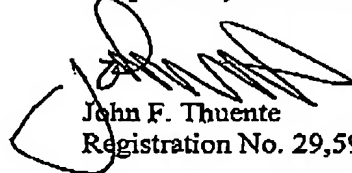
Claims 1-9, 16 and 23 were indicated to be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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